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Democracy seems to be making gradual progress in Austria.

Probably Clemenceau just wanted to know how the rest felt about it.

Secretary McAdoo is sharpening his stick to go after the war profiteers.

Hints are still being dropped out that there are some men who will fight before they will work.

The formal "platform" of Gov. Rye is still out. This will be necessary to complete the collection.

The offensive seems to have pretty well petered out. The next one should be launched by the allies.

Some folks have so worked up their wrath against the Kaiser that they are taking it out on the roosters.

Fifty-six Massachusetts legislators have been given recess appointments worth \$1,000 each. Do they all do it?

The government is recognizing the right to citizenship of the men who are willing to enlist in its armies and fight for it.

Just now Uncle Sam would appreciate it if the country could manage to speed up its production of iron and steel a little.

In England they find it so easy to save daylight by turning up the clock they are thinking seriously of adding another hour.

Crusading against the German language and other things has caused somebody to suggest the renaming of the kindergarten.

Russia has asked that her troops on the western front be released. This would simplify the commissary problem to some extent.

The Arkansas and Florida primaries are over and considerable additional help is now available for cultivating and harvesting the crops.

Former German prisoners are now said to be wandering over Russia. But they manifest no haste to get back home and into the war again.

German newspapers are warning the people at home that the Paris dinner date may have to be again postponed from the Fourth of July to Christmas.

An exchange, which never seems happy except when it is miserable, suggests while it costs more to travel this summer, it also costs more to stay at home.

The Springfield Republican is of opinion that events transpiring in the Baltic sea are of more immediate concern to the allies than the defense of Siberia.

It is insinuated by an exchange that while it rains on the just and the unjust, the allies are preparing a rain of aircraft bombs for the special benefit of the unjust.

Perhaps the colonel will explain that his return to the republican party was for the purpose of reforming it. The colonel always was a man for big undertakings.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal thinks it not well to belittle Costa Rica's declaration of war in as much as that country might throw a banana peel in the Kaiser's way.

We hadn't thought of it that way, but Mr. Hoover is afraid if the manufacture of beer is suddenly stopped it will be difficult to conserve the stocks of whisky remaining on hand.

Before undertaking their counter blow, it may be that the allies are waiting for the completion of a few super-guns which may be trained on Berlin while the fighting is in progress.

Materials used in England for the making of booze have been reduced by more than two-thirds since the war began. Yet 512,000 tons are still being annually consumed.

People in the East Tennessee strawberry belt not only went over the top for the liberty bonds, the war savings stamps and the Red Cross, but have incidentally absorbed huge numbers of Henry Ford's products.

When the prohibition amendment was before the Louisiana senate a tie vote was recorded. It now develops that there was one vacancy from a "dry" district and the governor is said to have promised to call a special election to fill it.

SECURING NEW ALLIES FOR OUR CAUSE.

It may be noted that since the momentum of the German advance has diminished to the vanishing point there is no evidence of those desperate efforts to break through, as on the Somme and Iys.

The enemy learns from experience the futility of attacking where he is expected. When offense and defense are on anything like equal terms, slight progress is made. The gains are not commensurate with the cost. The long battle line relapses into that deadlock from which it had emerged at the beginning of the great convulsion.

Not yet has there been any actual break of the line, or failure of the allies to maintain coherence with one another. The nearest approach to it was when the British Fifth army was repulsed at St. Quentin. French reserves were rushed in and filed the fifty-mile space so as to check the Hun at Montdidier.

Either we shall now witness a second attack somewhere in force, as during the crisis before Amiens, when Hindenburg made a diversion at Arras, developing it into a major effort for the channel ports, or the enemy will settle himself down in newly-prepared trenches for a period while he reorganizes for some other blow.

Mr. Simonds, whose able correspondence we are permitted by the New York Tribune to publish, predicts that very soon the enemy will appear in force to the east of Rheims. Our dispatches yesterday from the American front at Toul told of the heavy movement of enemy troops behind their lines, westward bound. A glance at the map will indicate that unless the enemy is going to make another try immediately for Paris, for Amiens or for Calais, he might easily be tempted to essay the pincher-like process against the allied lines extending now in a very pronounced and exposed salient whose blunt nose is at Verdun. The lay of the ground northwest of Rheims, unfortunately, favors such an attack.

Should the enemy succeed in an offensive here, in a manner anything like proportionately to his accomplishments in the past three attacks, he would penetrate as far as Chalons and might so jeopardize the armies of the French as well as our own further east as to compel a retirement.

There is no doubt what is passing in the mind of the German general staff, and he is being led on—on we trust it will be proved that lured on is a better word—by the distinct possibilities. But his danger also is imminent. For, no matter if he has won success since March 21, the first of these great attacks in which he essays and meets defeat will likely prove as disastrous to him at that of the first Marne. For just as he seeks out our exposed salients so he is creating such salients also in his own lines, and Nemesis awaits the hour when he rashly attacks and our reserves have been properly mobilized to meet him. Such a moment, indeed, may have arrived with the American victory today near Chateau Thierry.

No doubt one of his reasons for striking to the southeast of Laon was that this region constituted a dangerous menace to his own lines. Verdun also is still another, a region of hills and high grounds and uncomfortably close to the iron and coal mines of Alsace. He has never taken Vimy ridge, north of Arras, held since its capture by our brave Canadians, and still constituting a salient into the German front, and a source of weakness and danger to him.

Perhaps the movement of troops east of Rheims is a feint. We shall not know until the blow is struck. It must be said for our adversaries that they are good at military tricks. They have managed to strike three times now at points where our forces were comparatively weak. We need not for our own peace of mind underestimate the damage done. They are sledge-hammer blows, and a few more such and we might well fear for the French and British armies. In less than a week's time in the last battle the enemy had occupied something like 700 square miles of area, captured over 50,000 prisoners, and, worse still, cut important lines of communication and taken military booty of huge proportions. This is bound to weaken the French army and strengthen the enemy. It prolongs the war and increases our share in it. It gives further argument to the German junkers to delude the people of Germany to hold out for another year. They are already crazed with the lust of conquest, and even the social democrats are stilled in their objections to aggrandizement.

But even in the midst of it the German war lord fears America. He knows that our troops are fast arriving in France, and he sends his U-boats on this side of the waters in order to scare us off.

It will not work, however. Unless there is a change in heart in the German rulers, the war will go on. Paris and London might both fall and it would make the average American feel only the more strongly that we could not allow Europe to be subjected to such a despotism. Our duty to save those countries from the German yoke is manifest.

At the same time let us not lose sight of the fact that we need more strength. Some of our people are still studying the geographies and censuses of four years ago. All that has changed. We must face the fact that the central powers now have more available men and resources within reach of the battle zones than have we, and will have until we have reached Europe. It is in moral forces that we excel, and on these we must depend. We must hold Russia neutral, and, if possible, win the support of

those races again before the war is over.

But the chiefest ally we might hope to win to our side is to be found among the people of the central powers themselves. The Bulgarians, for instance, or even the Turks; certainly the Slav people of Austria-Hungary, and the Bohemians, are possible allies.

But why not so emphasize the causes for which we are fighting that we may appeal to Germany itself—from Germany drunk to Germany sober? The president has well stated our position. Unfortunately, in the newspaper press and in congress it is misstated. Too often there are evidences of the sordid, and revenge speaks too loudly. Because of the maledictions of those who threaten to dismember Germany, the peasant and laboring men of that country fight on. We need to make them understand our position, and so soon as it is appreciated that we stand for such ideals, Liebnicht will speak from his prison cell and advise his people to cease their war, which they must by this time realize is one of conquest.

Once convinced that war does not pay, and assured that we would not deprive them of self-government, and the war might stop and permanent peace be negotiated. Of course, for the Kaiser and his junker class no argument appeals but force, "force without limit," as the president said, and so the mobilization of the resources of America, men and material must be hastened as never before. A million such men as our marines who are winning today will further convince all classes in Germany of the futility of war.

RUMBLINGS ONLY HEARD

Except for a few reverberations from the explosions of last Tuesday and the day following there seems to be an air of quiet in and about the municipal building. The mayor says that the statement made by the commissioner of fire and police doesn't call for any answer. The morning paper, which has posed as the fidus Achates of all concerned, has its finger to its lips, and is violently winking and uttering a warning, "Hush." So the matter may rest. Whether or not the incident was a preliminary of the next municipal campaign we know not. Each of the officials seemed to be loaded for the other and it was just a question of who got the drop. Mr. Petersen's eagle eye had run on some queer entries on the cash books, and, like some other crawling things what his fine-tooth comb had brought to light, was of a repulsive nature.

No great loss to the city has accrued through either the Vance Williams payment or the purchase of the second-hand Buick. But the principle is important. Just as the mayor asked with some surprise, "Hasn't it been the custom to look after political friends?" Why, of course. It is all very true that we have made some strides forward in the past few years. Public opinion in Chattanooga has changed in some very important particulars. Some of the things which used to be done or permitted to be done are not in favor any more.

But even yet we haven't been translated into that upper region of political purity where political friends are not looked after, though usually they are given a regular job and expected to do some actual work.

The commissioner of fire and police has pretty strong circumstantial evidence, but we may express the opinion that the mayor has so conducted himself in office as to make the public believe that he would not be guilty of petty graft. He was, no doubt, the victim of circumstances. Perhaps he trusted too much to others, and would now shield them.

As for Mr. Betterton, here again we are confident that he wasn't trying to make money on the city. Our opinion of many of the acts of that official is well known, but we shall not accept what is perhaps a good opportunity to make capital against him out of an incident where certainly his conduct was injudicious. At the same time it ought to be emphasized that in any future case of this kind where a sale of any character is made by a commissioner to the city it should be brought up in commission meeting and the full facts given, so the public may know. A transfer through a third party is a plain evasion and only made a bad matter worse.

In view of the fact that the country is engaged in war and Chattanooga must do its part, it is best, perhaps, that these local matters shall not be the cause of further personal controversies. However, they have become a part of the record of the officials engaged in them, and the public will consider these along with all other matters in the final estimate of the efficiency of the individual records. And such future candidacies as may have been in view haven't been much promoted by what has occurred.

Our American marines are in the limelight today because of their brilliant accomplishment northwest of Chateau Thierry. Their victory is the turning point in the Alsine drive. Already it had reached a standstill. Now the movement all along the line is distinctly retrograde. Whenever the enemy forces are at all equal to ours he loses. His successes have been won through superior use of transportation facilities in his rear, enabling him to strike in preponderant numbers at some point. But two can play at that game. Watch for your Uncle Foch to be heard from before the campaign is much older.

Two of the Birmingham papers have declared in favor of the nomination of Thomas E. Kilby, of Anniston, for governor of Alabama. Mr. Kilby is now lieutenant governor and favors the ratification of the prohibition amendment.

TURNING LOOSE THE GREYHOUNDS



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PREPARED FOR WAR.

Rather remarkable, is it not, how many of the German officers captured in France are able to speak in "perfect English"? And the captain of the German submarine, on boarding a captured vessel along our coast, addressed himself to the American skipper in "perfect English." This gives evidence of another feature of German preparedness. All these years they have been educating promising Germans in this country to have them the better in readiness for the war which they knew was coming some day.—Charlotte Observer.

Not every German who can speak English was educated in this country, by a great many. But the Observer is probably correct in terming it a measure of preparedness. Since the war has been in progress the Germans have found frequent occasion to chaff the English and French on their linguistic attainments. It was pointed out that English cabinet members could not confer with members of the French government without the aid of interpreters.

There has been a widespread propaganda against the teaching of German in this country, which is perhaps well enough in a way, but because it will injure Germany in the least. Just now there are other modern languages, notably Spanish, which may be substituted for German in the schools and colleges with advantage. But the idea that a knowledge of German will involuntarily inculcate German kultur is far-fetched. Knowledge of English and French, doesn't operate on Germans that way.

In a polyglot war, like the present, instead of being a handicap, knowledge of several languages is a positive enhancement. But let us hope there will be no more wars or need of anything made in Germany.

GERMANY SELLING OUT

Straws are said to show which way the wind is blowing. And, while breezes may not enable a reliable prognostication of war developments, every little zephyr has a meaning all its own. A straw which may or may not have some significance in connection with the war situation is contained in a story printed this week in the Springfield Republican. Briefly stated, the story relates the fact that German colonial interests are selling their holdings in Palestine to Jews who are interested in the Zionist movement. One of the transactions is recited as follows:

"Zionist buyers have obtained from the German Templar colonists the highly developed property at Sarona, in the Jaffa district, at a price far below its actual value. The colony, it is asserted, was the pride of the German colonizing policy in Palestine, and was so situated as to hamper expansion of Jewish settlement undertakings, a fact which convinced the Zionists that the Templars were unwitting tools of the German government."

The Templars, mentioned in the foregoing, have two other colony sites in Palestine, and it is the opinion of observers and of Jews interested in the matter that these will also soon be placed on sale. The Templars are a private organization, but German colonization is generally in accord with a government understanding. The sale of the Templar holdings seems therefore to imply a change of German governmental policy. What change would most likely produce this result?

Palestine has heretofore been a part of the Turkish empire. Turkey is an ally of Germany, and as such ally has suffered much from the brunt of the fighting. Palestine and a large part of

THE JARR FAMILY

By Roy L. McCardell

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part of indoor callisthenics, or calisthenic exercises.

But, although he was physically at his ease, it can be gleaned from Mr. Rangle's remarks that he was in a pessimistic mood.

"What's the matter with you?" asked Mr. Jarr. "Do you miss the sustaining excitement of the recent Red Cross drive?"

"Maybe I do," growled Mr. Rangle. "And maybe I don't. But I want to be of some service to my country, real service. I want to fight. Why can't I get a commission?"

"Have the new regulations of 'work or fight' got you upset?" asked Mr. Jarr. "You want to fight, you say. Don't you want to work?"

"I want to work, but I want to build aeroplanes or drive rivets in ships, or work in a foundry making heavy cannon," growled Mr. Rangle. "What good am I doing in wholesale woollens—when there isn't any wholesale woollen business any more?"

"Cheer up," advised Mr. Jarr. "Did you hear the latest joke about the recruit when he had any scars and the recruit said, 'No, but I've got some cigarettes in my coat pocket over there.'"

"But why should he give the sturgeon any cigars?" asked Gus, who had been listening to the argument between the two old friends with a grudge.

"I'd like to see a good baseball game once in a while," growled Mr. Rangle, paying no heed to Mr. Jarr's jest or Gus' inquiry. "And yet, all the baseball players will be drafted, and I wouldn't be interested in them playing if they were able to go to war."

"And bartenders is to be drafted, too," said Gus. "Well, Elmer went and tried to get listed, like a regular feller for the regular army, but he was dejected because he's got flat feet. Why is that? If his feet wasn't flat how could he walk on them?"

Neither Mr. Jarr nor Mr. Rangle seemed to worry that bartenders were to be drafted, or that Elmer had flat feet.

Mesopotamia have been wrested from the Moslems by the British. Does this sale of colonial interests foreshadow a withdrawal of German assistance from the Turk? Is the Kaiser preparing to stand from under and leave his Mohammedan confederate to take care of himself? Is the German colonial dream dissolving?

If such indicated intentions were avowed by the Kaiser, it would probably cause a dissolution of his partnership with the Sultan. He has probably not hinted such a purpose to his ally. But he may have quietly passed a tip to German colonial organizations to get out of Palestine on the best terms obtainable. It is probably as well that the Sultan prepare to bid adieu to any claim he may have on the Holy Land. The Kaiser would likely also sell his African colonies if he could find a buyer.

The dispatches tell us that Gutzon Borglum has at last got it out of his system.

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Get a bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub it into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of this awful scurf will have disappeared. Two or three applications; stop scalp itching and falling hair.—(Adv.)

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